

# 'FRIENDSHIP-84': winners and forecasts

Drawing to a close are five months from the "Friendship-84" series, scheduled prior to the opening of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The other contests (the majority) will be held in eight socialist countries starting mid-August.

Soviet lancers performed creditably in a star-studded contest in Budapest.

The USSR men's team won the foil and sabre events. The winners of the individual competition were Vladimir Apalauit (foil) and Mikhail Butsev (sabre). The winner of the women's competition was Goriuda Sialnik of Hungary. The best epee fencer was Endo Koczonyi.

The GDR will host the handball and athletics "Olympic day" tournaments. The handball tournament will be impressively representative. Competing are the 1980 Olympic winners (GDR), world champions (USSR), world bronze medalists (Poland). Also participating are Hungary, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and the GDR.

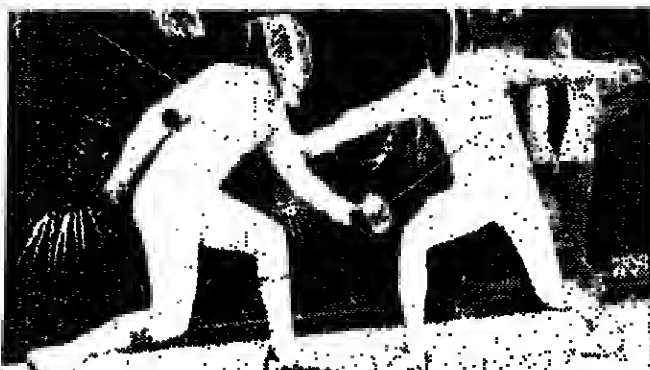
Good results are expected from the "Olympic day" contest. Thirty-seven gold medals were awarded in the first world championships in Helsinki last August, out of which 22 went to the USSR, the GDR, Czechoslovakia and Poland. In the women's events 13 of 17 awards went to the GDR, Czechoslovakia and the USSR.

Of much interest in the five-week tournament to be held in Sofia. Sportsman of socialist nations, particularly Bulgaria and the USSR, are immensely strong in this sport. The USSR team is made up of seven world and Olympic champions, one European champion and two national champions. Coaches had hard time selecting the team.

## SCANDAL IN THE BUNDESLIGUE

Another scandal has flared up in West German professional football. By prior agreement heads of 18 Bundesliga teams presented one another with the so-called Black List, setting in their top two players not to be sold. This was done to prevent players from signing more profitable contracts with other clubs.

22-year-old Lothar Matthaus from Bayern (Munich Gladbach) played brilliantly last season and was invited to the national side. So far "him" was on for him. Club managers them-



Mikhail Butsev came out at the international fencing competition "Friendship-84" as the best fencer (sabre) while the silver medal went to his teammate Andrei Alabov. In the photo: the final duel between Mikhail Butsev and Andrei Alabov.

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## Cyclists' speeds grow for the main start

The road cycling events of "Friendship-84" will be hosted by GDR from August 18-26 and already participants are heating up in trial contests.

Soviet cyclists, who counted among the hot favorites, held a competition with the participation of foreign racers in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, where winners of the last season dem-

onstrated remarkable speed. World champion, 23-year-old Alexander Zinoviyev of Kherkov won the most tedious 194 km time trial in the streets of Vilnius. Despite the complex route and constant rain, he made it in just 4 hr 36 min 4 sec. His "gold" teammate, Sergei Navolokin of Alma-Ata finished only one second behind him. Racing neck to neck with the latter was Olympic champion Oleg Logvin from Minsk, who was the USSR team captain at the recent Peace Race.

Zinoviyev came second in the 73 km criterium race with 15 finishes in the streets of Vilnius. The winner was one of the national team aspirants and twice national champion from Toru Rijo Simu.

These contests, like the last Peace Race, showed that there will be an exceptionally stiff competition for the places on the national team, for now over 20 athletes are in excellent form.

seems broke their agreement. So the existence of the Black List was leaked to the press. Learning about it the players in all Bundesliga teams threatened strike action, so club managers had to publicly go back on their agreement.

Vladimir McMILLIN

## IT WAS NOT EASIER IN DALLAS

The latest stage of the Formula 1 motor racing world championship, held in Dallas, Texas, was too difficult, like the previous one, for many drivers. They had to contend not only with the

difficult course and its far from ideal concrete covering but the +40°C heat. Of the 25 starters 17 failed to make it to the finish. That the first place was taken by 1982 world champion Keke Rosberg was attributed by many to the novelty he used — his helmet had water cooling. Due to it he felt better in the diabolical heat than the real, whose helmets were covered only with light-deflecting foil.

Boris MIKHAILOV

## TENNIS FINALS

Soviet tennis players have reached the finals of the "A" European zone in the Davis Cup competition, having defeated the Austrian team 3-2 in the semi-finals. The decisive point was scored by Muscovite Vadim Bolotov, who won his match against Bernhard Pils in only 28 minutes.

## Soviet representative in IBTF leadership

For the first time a Soviet representative, chief coach of the USSR bobsleigh national team, Roman Ustynov, has been included among the leadership of the International Bobsleighing and Tobogganing Federation Committee. He is a member of the Federation's technical committee. The decision was taken by an IBTF Congress in Calgary.

The Congress determined the time and place of the 1985 world championships. They will be held at the end of January

in Cervinia, Italy. The European championships will be held in mid-February in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

## British horses to wear gas masks

Even the horses' heads are paraded in the atmosphere of Los Angeles laden with poisonous substances. That is the stippling of horses which to appear to the Los Angeles Olympics from Britain will wear oxygen masks, the news agency reports.

However, even this will solve the problem of gas from smog, says Peter Dinn, a veterinarian of the British national team who is taking the four-legged Olympic games. That is why he has to take along a whole team of anti-toxic medicine. However, he will have to expand his set of medical aids further, Rauter adds. There is the vicinity of Los Angeles where recently died a break of a virus influenza epidemic.



A national field competition in progress. The country's best athletes have been selected for the competition. The photo shows a moment from the competition. Photo by Andrei K.



The USSR men's hockey championship is in progress. The photo shows a moment from the competition. Photo by Sergei K.

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## 40th anniversary of Poland's resurgence: hard experience and optimism

To live among friends, enjoy common guarantees and peacefully to be a guarantor of the post-war territorial and political order in Europe—such is the essence of Poland's national interests.

On was stressed by the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Poland Wojciech Jaruzelski at a special meeting of the Polish Parliament marking the 40th anniversary of Poland's resurgence.

The Soviet delegation attending the celebrations was led by Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Nikolai Tikhonov.

The foundation of our foreign and defense policy is our unshakable alliance and friendship with the Soviet Union.

Photo by Sergei K.

Poland will not allow her frontiers along the Oder and the Baltic to be changed by either friend or foe.

The road traveled by People's Poland over the past four decades has not been an easy one, Nikolai Tikhonov emphasized to his address. The imperialists have repeatedly sought to undermine the foundations of socialism in your country, to hinder the socialist advance and to reverse it.

The developments in the past few years clearly show that to achieve this, our class enemies will stop at nothing. They make wide use of economic sanctions, unleash ideological aggression on an unprecedented scale and do all they can to discredit socialism, to undermine the foundations of the socialist system and in general to bring about her true friends and allies.

Nikolai Tikhonov further emphasized the broad spectrum of Soviet-Polish relations in the area of politics and economics, science, culture, ideology, world affairs and defense.

## FROM the SOVIET PRESS

### High time to clarify things

The US side continues its attempts to put over the idea that the US has accepted the Soviet Union's proposal on talks to avert the escalation of outer space, says a statement issued by TASS. In fact, however, Washington is speaking, on before, about quite different talks which have nothing in common with the Soviet proposal. In order to achieve utter clarity in relation to the subject of the talks, the Soviet side officially proposed a few days ago a joint Soviet-US communiqué to be published explicitly stating the content of the USSR and the USA to start talks with the aim of reaching up and signing an agreement on the prevention of the militarization of outer space, including the complete mutual rejection of all nuclear weapons, and also to the establishment from the day of the start of a mutual moratorium on the testing and deployment of space weapons, stresses the TASS statement.

The kind of reply forthcoming from the US side will show, whether it is prepared to accept the Soviet proposal, i.e., whether it is prepared for talks on precisely the banning of space weapons, or whether it intends to carry on its deceitful game with regard to this question.



Yekaterina Maximova and Vladimir Vasiliev in Minkus' "Dou Quixote" (Bolshoi Theatre).

## A Simba Prize for Soviet ballet stars

Soviet ballet dancers, Yekaterina Maximova and Vladimir Vasiliev have been presented with the International Prize of the Italian Simba Academy at a ceremony held at the Soviet Embassy in Rome. Together with a ballet group known to Italy as the "Soviet Ballet Stars", the two have been impressively performing to many Italian cities and towns.

This year the members of the Simba Academy decided to award prizes to outstanding achievements in dancing performance, said Antonio Accorri, President of the Academy. He said he was sincerely happy that 200 cultural workers to various countries had decided to award this prize to two outstanding Soviet ballet dancers,

adding that their contribution to world ballet was indisputable. At the same time, he stressed their excellent ballet performances in several countries as really humanistic ideals in art and contribute to international understanding.

Simba Prize for journalists has been awarded to Yuri Zhukov, Chairman of the Soviet Peace Committee and "Pravda" political commentator. The prize for literature went to Soviet poet Yevgeny Yavushenko.

## MOSCOW SIGHTS



Victory Square, to the middle is the Triumphal Arch put up in honor of the Russian victory over Napoleon in 1812.

## NEW THREATS TO NICARAGUA

Managua. New American-Honduran manoeuvres, under the code name of "Operation Lampira", have started in Honduras. The American and Honduran commands refused to disclose the numerical strength of the troops taking part. It is only known that emphasis will be put on actions involving "small forces", in other words, on training for subversive and terrorist operations.

Noteworthy is the fact that these provocative manoeuvres are taking place only a few days after the visit paid to Honduras by US Undersecretary for Policy Fred C. Ikle and General John Vessey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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The younger participants in a massive demonstration held in Göttingen, West Germany. The demonstrators sharply criticized the US administration's intention to expand the arms race in outer space.



## RESPONSE

## 150,000 rounds of ammunition 'in name of democracy'

On becoming president of El Salvador, José Napoleón Duarte promised to normalize the situation, to bring to heel the "death squads", start talks with the rebels and generally to "democratize" the country. Naturally Washington organized a vociferous propaganda campaign in his support, urging the world to believe in the sincerity of his words.

But what is the real state of play in El Salvador?

In the first one and a half months since the new president's rule, some 200 people died in the country, primarily civilians. 30, according to the local Catholic church — from the bullets of the military, and the rest — at the hands of the "death squads". There are already 5,000 people listed as "missing", and the number continues to grow.

Military operations against the rebels are conducted on the same, if not an even greater, scale. The Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front has continued its readiness for talks without preconditions but Duarte thinks differently. You first lay down arms, he tells the left forces, and then we'll talk. It is clear thus this demand is tantamount to renunciation of any talks.

## 150,000 rounds

Duarte is using the same methods as his predecessors — crude force, terror and brutality. He really let the cat out of the bag in an interview during his visit to the USA. The army is now using 150,000 rounds of ammunition daily but this is not enough, he complained. The message is clear — give the military more arms and the "democratization process" will take care of itself.

Well, the USA is quite accommodating in this respect. Though it was far from easy selling, the Reagan administration pushed through Congress an allocation of 20,000,000 dollars for urgent military and economic aid to El Salvador. Coming hard on the heels of this El Salvador played host to general John Vessey, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff. Duarte himself paid an official visit to West Germany as well as to some other countries with requests for aid. As in Washington, he was everywhere accorded a most cordial welcome. Such is the face of the Western champions of "human rights and democracy" — they do not mind Duarte butchering his own people; the important thing for them is that he advances the interests of the West.

Nikolai ZABORIN



Precariously seated.

Drawing by Yuri Ivanov

## Espionage bases in northern Norway

Trondheim. Of late, the northern Norway is being converted into a base of US military espionage. Norway has placed its air force base, situated not far from Trondheim, at the disposal of the Pentagon. American planes are

there equipped with the espionage AWACS systems. Beginning with this year they have been making regular flights in the proximity of the north-western frontier of the USSR.

In a recent interview to Reuters News Agency, Anders Sjøstad, Norwegian Minister for Defence, did not deny the existence of close cooperation between his Ministry, Pentagon and NATO in carrying out espionage against the USSR. According to A. Sjøstad, this is an exercise in combat readiness meant to meet "crisis". The Norwegian minister pointed out that the geographic position of Norway provides NATO with unique opportunities to accumulate espionage information about the USSR. He forgot to say, however, that the espionage conducted from the territory of his country runs counter to the principle of good neighbourliness.

cent in this respect is the example of the ASEAN countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines). According to the press reports of this region, over the past five years the USA stepped up 2.5 times its arms supplies to the area. As for the USA itself, it allocated for military purposes four times more than 5 years ago — 9,000 million dollars. Today a wave of protests is rising in Thailand against the planned purchase of US F-16A light bombers. Each of them will cost that country 32 million dollars. But only half of this sum is the sale price and the rest will go for mastering the aircraft. The Thai people wonder what they need all this for if the country already owes 13,000 million dollars, mainly for weapons received from the USA.

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The USA is stepping up its aggression against Nicaragua, sorting out unbridled economic sabotage, will be Borge, Member of the Executive Committee of the Central Front of National Liberation, Minister of the Interior of the Republic.

The Reagan administration said in an interview to the correspondent, that the flow of dollars to the government in Nicaragua is a criminal war against Washington is being militarily, economically and politically.

## FACTS and EVENTS

It is impossible to ensure peace and stability in the area of Africa without solving the apartheid problem. As the South African Minister of Defence, Pieter Both, said in a speech to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the apartheid system is a threat to the peace and stability of the entire continent.

The Socialist Party of the United States has been elected to the House of Representatives. The party's platform calls for a more equitable distribution of income and for the abolition of the nuclear arms race.

As a result of a recent operation carried out by the armed forces of the Republic of Algeria, the active help of the Soviet Union in the fight against terrorism has been demonstrated.

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The Socialist armed forces and units of the people's militia continue to fight courageously against the counter-revolutionary gangs organized by the CIA. In the photo you see one of the units receiving instructions prior to an operation.

## FACTS and EVENTS

UN Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuellar has urged the opposing sides in the Cyprus conflict to meet to discuss ways of settling the dispute. It has been announced that UN headquarters in New York is scheduled for August 22, in Vienna.

The foreign trade minister of Nicaragua has voiced his concern that his country's economy might suffer from the Washington-imposed strict sanctions on purchases of Cuban copper ore by the US International Trade Commission. Copper is Cuba's main export.

US 7th Fleet ships based in Japan ports are being fitted with the latest nuclear weapons. According to "Asahi Shimbun", the Pentagon has ordered six C-130 Hercules transport aircraft capable of carrying 10 kilotonne depth charges to the Almiral US Air Force base.

Membership of the trade union representing the interests of 30,000 Africans in South Africa has more than doubled in the past three years to 60,000 last year.

In the first half of this year the US balance of payments deficit has topped 1,000 million dollars.

VIETNAM DENIES FABRICATIONS. North Vietnam has described the Chinese report that the Chinese had created a military beachhead on the border with Laos as a fabrication. The report was based on the actions of a few Chinese soldiers who had crossed the border.

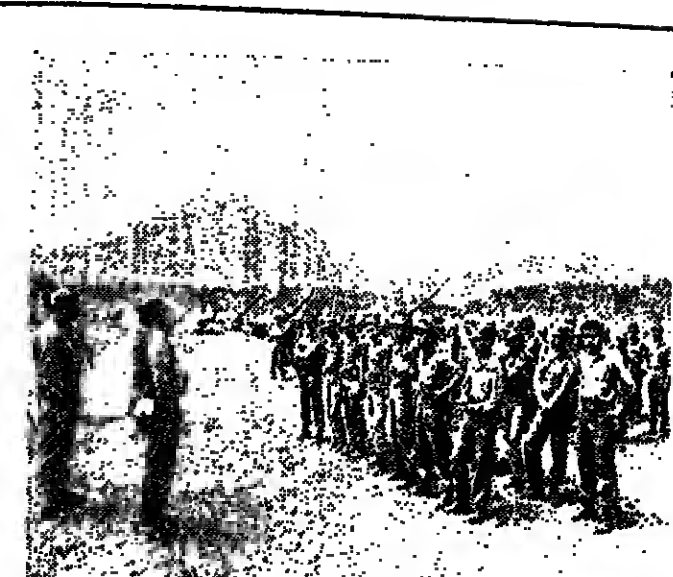
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## CIA responsible for Omar Torrijos murder

Panama. The leader of Panama, Omar Torrijos, was killed as a result of a CIA plot. There were full grounds for believing that the air crash in which the General lost his life was organized by the US espionage network. This was stated by Carlos Pérez, Member of the National Legislative Council of Panama, in an interview to the "Yankee" newspaper. Pérez stressed that Torrijos had been engaged in carrying out socio-economic reforms and a policy aimed at protecting the national interests and at the restoration of the country of the Panama Canal. This policy ran counter to US wishes, which wants to retain

the international water artery in its hands at any cost.

Pérez pointed to facts showing constant violation by the USA of the agreements on the canal. He recalled the US shooting of a peaceful demonstration of Panama patriots in January 1964. More than 20 people were killed and dozens wounded. The demonstrators carried slogans calling for the defence of national sovereignty. It was an important milestone in the struggle of the people of Panama for their canal.

## Science and technology

BREATHALYZER. A new model of a breathalyzer is now being manufactured in Hungary. It is enough to pronounce several words into a tube, for a figure showing the alcohol content in the bloodstream to appear on the indicator panel. Even the presence of only 0.2 per mille alcohol in the blood causes the device to give a reliable aid to traffic cops chasing drunk drivers.

ANCIENT MAYAN CITY DISCOVERED. The ruins of a large ancient Mayan city have been discovered in a pristine forest in the south-east of Mexico, near the border with Guatemala, reports the Madrid Institute of History. An archaeological expedition from the institute has discovered the remains of 150 structures which quite possibly were built in the 5th century A. D. The tallest of them is 25 metres high. Forty monumental plaques and sculptural altars have also been found.

OF INTEREST. Of a gramme of silver. Jewellers in Peru have set an original world record from a gramme of silver they obtained from a mine in the Andes. The mine is called "El Placer" and is located in the town of Huancayo.

The boxing shark. For four and a half hours professional shark hunter Vich Hillopp fought a shark 6.8 metres long and weighing two tonnes. The huge white shark dragged his small outboard along the north-western shore of Australia for 92 kilometres.

Rams and dreams. One European film assures everybody that the hope, if produced, will cure (asleep) and headache better than any medicine. On the tape a pleasant voice monotonously chants:

Drawings done by hot needle. All those familiar with the works of art created by the Romanian artist Volochi Popa can not but admire his achievement. Popa uses wood, fire and an incandescent needle in his work. With the help of the needle he creates pictures which are considered by art critics to be his own with art photography.

## FROM the SOVIET PRESS

## MILITARISM AND ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT

The newspaper SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA writes: Militarism in its home and foreign politics, US imperialism is trying, above all, to complicate the fulfilment of creative programmes of the socialist countries, undermine the economic solvency of the world capitalist countries, and in the long run, to make world tension permanent.

It would seem that all this is well planned; to increase military build-up and ruin enemies and rivals. But the reverse happened: a growing fear of the thermonuclear war, which brought into the streets millions of people all over the planet; class struggle in the leading capitalist countries aggravated; more critical statements were made by the leaders of the developing countries against the neo-imperialist policy of imperialism. The policy of war, pursued by the NATO countries, became so unpopular that the leading officials of the USA, Britain, the FRG and France have since recently been compelled to pass over to a peaceful phrase mongering. According to the public poll held in a number of West European countries, the USA is now regarded by the world public as a power suppressing freedom and forcing its way of life upon other peoples.

## NOT VERY MUCH 'VOLUNTARY' AID

One of the major sources of incomes for Israel in the Jewish communities in many countries, writes the newspaper IZVESTIA. Only among Ukrainians, quantitative aid of the US Jewish community in the Zionist state now amounts to more than 500 million dollars. This is 80 per cent of the total aid in Israel on the part of international Zionism, officially recognized by Tel Aviv. Then comes the Jewish community of South Africa, together with the circles in the Israeli government of Pretoria aid to Israel from South African Zionists exceeds 140 million dollars.

But the aid of Jewish communities in Israel is not always given voluntarily. The working Jews are frequently forced to make payments to the fund of Zionist organizations. The leaders of Zionist organizations are completely unscrupulous in resorting to such measures of pressure as threats, blackmail and boycott.

## IN THE COLD WAR SPIRIT

Participants in the Paris session of the so-called Coordinating Committee for control over exports in the socialist countries (COCOA) have adopted additional limitations on exports to the socialist countries.

PRAVDA writes in this connection that COCOA which has long been dubbed "economic NATO" has from the very beginning, been conceived as an instrument of the cold war, of exerting pressure upon the socialist countries, undermining normal international competition. It is symptomatic that at a time when Washington is carrying out a policy of "crusade", of confrontation with the Soviet Union and other states of the socialist community, measures are also taken to tighten the notorious COCOA regulations.

As for the striving of the imperialist circles, reflected by the COCOA decision, to undermine the economic and defence potential of the socialist countries, these are vain attempts. Such hopes are based on an utterly distorted idea about the economic and scientific-technical potentialities of the socialist countries which are making confident progress.

## TORIES OUT TO WEAKEN TRADE UNIONS

The newspaper TRUD publishes an interview given by R. Bickersdale, General Secretary of the National Union of Public Employees. He said in part:

The country's economy is, no doubt, in a disastrous condition. Mrs Thatcher and the Tory Government are trying to put whole blame for all this on the global production slump. We are sure, however, that the economic policy of the Conservative Party, based on the theory of "monetarism", has aggravated, to a large extent, the situation of Britain. According to government statistics we have now 3.3 million officially registered jobless, though trade unions believe that in reality their number has surpassed long ago the 4-million mark.

In the field of industrial relations the Tory Government has utilized the mighty coalition of trade unions for their rights in the 70s as a pretext to work out trade union legislation. The 1980 and 1982 Laws on Employment and the 1984 Bill on Trade Unions, now being considered by the Parliament, are directed at weakening trade unions. The undermining of the prestige of trade unions, the attack imposed on their trade are done to make the workers submit to the government diktat.

## VIEWPOINT

## AMERICAN MILITARY AID: WHAT IS HUSHED UP IN WASHINGTON

Yuri KURITSYN



The US administration is planning to allocate 6,400 million dollars for "military aid to foreign countries" in the 1985 fiscal year.

The purpose of the aid has been accurately outlined by President Reagan, Defense Secretary Casper W. Weinberger and Secretary of State George Shultz. It is the same "protection of US vital interests overseas", assuring American military presence in the key strategic points of the globe and "complete freedom" for US capital and corporations in the "third world".

It was also mentioned that the closest friends of the USA in those points and areas will now be granted military aid not in the form of credits to be repaid, as had always been the case, but in the form of subsidies for buying US arms.

The friends were named and the concrete services which Washington expects from them in reply to the "generosity" were mapped out. But US official circles prefer to hush up only one aspect of this deal. What will this "generosity" cost the soci-

plants of US military aid! In practice it has always turned out to be nothing but a bait. It is like the bait for which a hunter "loosens his purse-strings" to be sure to get a rich bag. For the recipients this "generosity" turns into political concessions and major economic losses, but for the USA — into additional incomes which cover with interest all expenses on gifts and subsidies.

According to the calculations of experts expenses on mastering the newly acquired military equipment alone make for the developing countries a sum approximately equal to its sale price. Thus, in receiving from the USA free of charge, say, aircraft, tanks or AA missiles to the sum of 100 million dollars, the country "loaded with favours" must immediately spend a similar amount of the money for training corresponding personnel, buying spares and maintenance needed even in the initial period.

All this money will go to the USA since any other source of such services is ruled out by the terms of the aid. But this is only the beginning. Now the

need for maintaining the gift in a state of fitness becomes a kind of permanently operating device for pumping money into the safes of the US military-industrial complex, in amounts in which the sum of the "gift" becomes an insignificant part.

Besides, the USA annually supplies the developing countries with armaments to a sum ranging from 10,000 to 15,000 million dollars. Moreover, the corporations deliver military equipment at too high prices, which yields them additional profits. To this should be added 9 or more per cent of annual interest which the US banks charge, according to the established practice, for credits against weapons deals. Thus, it turns out that US "military aid" programmes, even if they include gratuitous arms supplies, yield the USA huge profits, which become a heavy burden for the recipients of such "aid".

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